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By Assignee**

RHINO TUFF, INC., assignee(s) of the application for United States Letters Patent for

**PROTECTIVE ORTHOTIC INSERT FOR FOOTWEAR
by Ron L. Blackburn and Craig H. Dennis.**

the specification of which is filed herewith, does hereby appoint as my attorneys and/or agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and in countries other than the United States, and to do all things necessary or appropriate therefor before any competent International Authorities in connection with any international patent application(s) corresponding to the above-identified application, all of the registered practitioners identified by Customer Number 22249:

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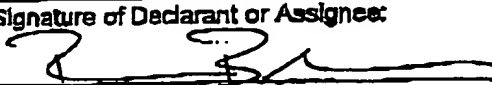
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I, the undersigned, declare that I have reviewed copies of the documentary evidence establishing chain of title to the patent application identified above from the inventors to the assignee, which filed for recordation herewith.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee(s) identified above. Furthermore, the undersigned is empowered to sign this document on behalf of the assignee(s).

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258/2**DECLARATION
Utility Application**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **PROTECTIVE ORTHOTIC INSERT FOR FOOTWEAR** the specification of which is attached hereto.


I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

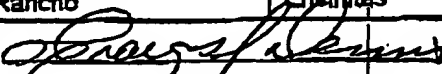
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of the United States patent application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in a prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and any foreign national, regional or PCT international application related thereto.

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